

A Growing Community?

"I feel pretty foolish," Brenda Hines says ruefully. "'A growing community with growing ideas' sounds fine, but how can Joplin grow without schools?"

The Junior College winner of the Better Homes Show slogan contest realizes the paradox created by the defeat of the school tax levy April 8. Unless we take off our rose-colored glasses and vote for the reduced levy on Tuesday, April 28, Joplin faces the prospect of an inferior school system.

Those of us who can vote must vote. Those of us who are ineligible must make every effort to understand the issues and to explain them objectively to relatives and other voters. Who is in a better position to know what the Joplin school system offers than those of us who are in the thirteenth and fourteenth grades?

We know that a nationally recognized reading program and a junior college rated as one of the top 12 in the United States are not the products of second-rate teaching. On all levels, Joplin's educational facilities combine to prepare students for more productive and useful lives. Many major industries in the community employ technicians trained here. Practically every business employs students right out of the local schools. Those who do well in our municipal schools do well in four-year institutions.

If Joplin wishes to be called a "growing community with growing ideas," Joplin must snap out of this short-sighted lethargy. A school system is not the area for a surge of misplaced economy, even though taxes are high.

During the past week, the new president of the Chamber of Commerce has been widely quoted as saying that the function of that organization is "to raise the level of community living for the benefit of all citizens." Should not this be the purpose of all civic groups? And where could they reach so many as through the schools?

If the Chambers of Commerce, the newly-formed Joplin Unlimited Corporation, and all other citizens and students will work together to promote the lowered tax proposal, perhaps we can at least maintain the status quo. If all of us work with the various news media for "the public welfare and interest," Joplin can be "a growing community with growing ideas."

B. L.

Alan Pickering Will Speak at Banquet, May 9 Faculty Will Hold Open House Earlier in Little Theatre at College

The Rev. Alan J. Pickering, Ph.D., assistant Presbyterian pastor at the University of Kansas, will give the main address at the alumni-student banquet May 9. The faculty will greet students and former students at 6:30 in the Little Theatre preceding the dinner at 7:15 in the cafeteria, which will especially honor members of the 1939, 1949, and 1959 classes.

Kenneth Elliff, president of the Alumni Association, said that invitations to the gathering will be

sent to all former students whose addresses are known. Those failing to receive invitations may make reservations by contacting the College office.

Pickering and his twin brother, Austin, were both engineering students here in 1946-47. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pickering, 215 Grey Avenue. Alan was the highest ranking student scholastically during his sophomore year.

He was ordained in the Joplin Presbyterian Church three years ago. Alan received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Kansas in 1949. He then entered the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1952 with the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

After graduation from McCormick, Pickering was awarded the Louis M. Rabinowitz Interfaith Fellowship, and entered the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion. He completed requirements for his Ph.D. degree there in 1956.

He went to the University of Kansas two years ago after serving as pastor of the Venice Pres-

byterian Church in Ross, Ohio.

Pickering holds memberships in several scholarly societies and is a civil defense amateur radio operator. While he was a student at the University of Kansas, he helped organize Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity and served as the first president of the University of Kansas chapter.

He is married and has three children, who are 6, 4, and 2.

Buddy Ball Will Represent Scholastic Group April 21-24

Members of the Eta Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa have chosen Buddy Ball as their representative to the national Phi Theta Kappa convention to be held Tuesday through Friday in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Buddy will attend committee meetings, workshops, an informal dance, and a reception. The North Idaho Junior College will serve as hosts for the convention.

Members of the local chapter elected Rose Marie Wood as alternate to Coeur d'Alene.

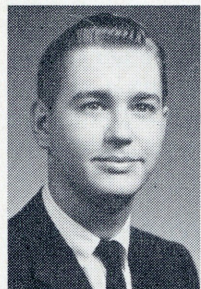


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Music Major To Give Recital Sunday, May 3



Hubert Bird, tenor soloist, will give the third sophomore recital of the year on May 3. He will present the program in partial fulfillment of requirements for his Associate in Music degree.

Accompanied by Mrs. Oliver Sovereign, the voice major will sing "Invocazione di Orfeo" by Peri; "Nina" by Pergolesi; "Clorinda" by Morgan; "Preach Not Me Your Musty Rules" by Arne; "Am Mier" by Schubert; "Sonntag" by Brahms; "Viens, Mon Bien Aime" by Chaminade; and "Tes Yeux" by Rabey.

Eldridge Martin, accompanied by Bill Thompson, will then play the first movement from "Sonata for Clarinet and Piano" by Karel.

The tenor will close the program with an aria, "If With All Your Hearts" from "Elijah" by Mendelssohn; "Do You Remember" by Levitsky; "Sailors" by Wolfe; "Blue Are Her Eyes" by Watts; and "Love Was With Me Yesterday" by Golde.

Chemistry Teacher Gets 2 Fellowships; To Go to Oregon

Miss Eula Ratekin has received a National Science Foundation Fellowship for a six-week course in chemistry to be taught at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon. The instructor declined a fellowship for a nine-week course for chemistry teachers at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Oregon State College session will stress the latest developments in general, physical, analytical and organic chemistry. The course, which will convene June 29 and continue until August 15, will be attended by a select group of 50 instructors.

Three Win \$85 In Savings Bonds On Slogan Contest

Brenda Hines received a \$50 savings bond for her first place entry in the junior college division of the Better Homes Show slogan contest. The freshman won with the slogan "A growing community with growing ideas."

A \$25 savings bond went to Mrs. Maxine McNeeley as second place winner. Also a freshman, Mrs. McNeeley wrote "Live, grow, and build in Joplin."

Sophomore Frank Compton submitted "Joplin's growth — every citizen's responsibility" to take third place and \$10 in savings stamps.

Each contestant also submitted a sentence beginning "I believe in the future of Joplin because . . ."

Young Democrats to Hear Judge

Don Musser will be the featured speaker at the Young Democrats' annual dinner at 7 o'clock Monday night, April 27, in Sussy's dining room at the Capri Motel.

"Is Politics Necessary?" will be the subject of the Pittsburg attorney's address. Musser, who serves as president of the Young Democrats' Club in Crawford County, Kansas, is Judge of District 38.

He received degrees from K.S.

Stanley Lea Exhibits Works at Art Museum

Former Juco student Stanley Lea has a one-man show at the Springfield Art Museum until April 26. The show includes 22 paintings done in woodcut, casein, ink, air brush, and oil.

A lifetime resident of Joplin, Lea attended the College in 1949-50.

Citizens to Vote On Reduced Levy April 28

State Law Forces Board of Education To Release Teachers On Failure of Levy

The Board of Education decided last Friday to reduce the school levy 19 cents and to hold another election on Tuesday, April 28. The 19-cent levy reduction will mean no salary increase for teachers and no hiring of additional instructors. The total levy will amount to \$3.08 as compared to the \$3.27 levy considered on April 7.

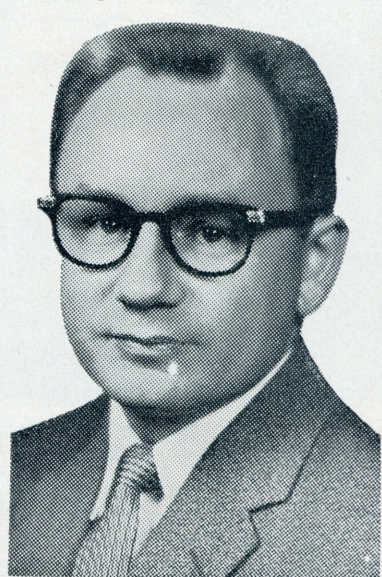
Joplin citizens will vote on a \$1.68 levy instead of the \$1.82 levy proposed on April 7. Under state law the Board is empowered to set one dollar of the levy; the voters do not have to approve that portion which applies on payment of debt services.

All school teachers, including the College staff, were notified last Thursday by the Board of Education of the termination of their employment because of the defeat of the last levy.

The Board had to take action because the Missouri law requires that teachers be notified before April 15 of termination of employment. If they are not notified, they are otherwise automatically re-hired at the same salary for the next school term. A Board cannot employ on anticipated revenue.

T.C. and Washburn Law School. During World War II, he served in the Pacific. He also saw action in the Korean War.

Tickets for the dinner, which will be open to the public, will cost \$1.75. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Mary Kirk Kelly, sponsor.





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Where Were You

On Wednesday, April 2, when Mrs. Ruth Sun spoke to the student body on her experiences in Thailand? That is, when she spoke to what was supposed to be the student body? The term is rather absurd since only 91 persons were present and only 69 of these were students. The rest were teachers and visitors. Where were the other 482 enrolled?

For what are we going to college? Supposedly college students want more than a diploma. The assemblies are just one of the chances afforded us to expand our knowledge in various fields. From all indications, we do not allow ourselves to learn the easy way—by listening.

When we fail to take advantage of opportunities, we are cheating not only ourselves, but also others who want an education. Invariably a group is judged by the actions of individuals. Persons of college caliber consider speeches and programs a must. Our failure to show interest in the relationship of the United States to Thailand only gives justification to the accusation that money is being spent on those who are not educable.

It is time that we wake up to the fact that we are college students and start taking advantage of the time, money, and effort spent in making available intellectual opportunities, including assemblies.

—D. S.

The Picture Review To Appear May 1

The next issue will be the annual eight-page Chart Review. To appear on May 1, the 1959 picture edition will be edited by Betty Lee.

The Chart publishes the special issue to acquaint both alumni and district high school seniors with some of the yearly activities at the College. In no way is it an attempt to compete with The Crossroads.

Although the issue will contain several pictures that students have seen, it will also contain many new ones and some made possible by engravings secured through courtesy of the Joplin Globe Publishing Company.

The Promise

By Marcia Watson

My heart is weary of its load
 Of dreams all dreamed in vain.
 My feet can scarcely find the trail;
 My song is choked with pain.
 But through the veil of toil and tears
 I glimpse one silver star,
 And by its light that distant height
 Where all my dreams are.
 And, torn between despair and hope,
 I tread this rugged trail.
 My star seems all but lost, and yet —
 I vow I shall not fail.
 For peace is there, and rest is there,
 Its promise draws me on!
 And though my soul in anguish goes,
 It shall not walk alone.

Garner or Schumann, or Both?

"Would you like to hear Schumann's 'Piano Concerto' today? I think you'd all like it," says Merrill Ellis, hopefully.

A few students nod in knowing agreement; most of them sit in perfect incomprehensibility. They don't know if they'd like to hear Schumann's composition or not; that's why they've enrolled in Music Masterpieces.

And so they listen, in varying degrees of rapport, while the instructor offers a few facts about Schumann's life before playing the music. "Can you imagine a concert pianist cutting the webs of his fingers to improve his reach on the keyboard? That fairly well washed him up as a performer!"

The class is primarily designed to acquaint students with a type of music to which many of them would not ordinarily be exposed. It is Ellis's firm contention that people—even musicians—simply do not take the time to listen to good music. Therefore, since people like what they are familiar with, good music is neglected.

Anyone for Jazz?

Sometimes the class shows a rather aggressive interest in some other type of music. As one member mourned recently, "I listen to Shostakovich and think of Garner. I listen to Stravinsky and dream of Ahmad. But I'm trying. The other day Ives got through to me!"

After many of such not too subtle hints, Ellis agreed to abide by majority opinion on the subject; so, the students promptly voted to spend two class periods on explanation and performance of jazz techniques by Ellis and college musicians.

When accused of disliking jazz, the instructor is obviously upset. "... don't put words into my mouth! I like jazz—in its place. I worked my way through college playing jazz!" His only objection is that jazz may be so readily heard outside class that the time might be more profitably spent listening to "art music."

Define 'Classical'!

Art music is one of Ellis's favorite terms. He uses it in much the sense that most students use the term "classical." He always stresses, "This isn't what the dictionary says. Classical is a period and not a type. Mozart and Haydn belong to it, as do composers of other ages who write that precise, delicate music. Classical music is just one subhead under art music."

It usually doesn't take students long to develop their own particular favorites. It seems that the most popular composer among the neophytes remains Tchaikovsky. Students may indulge in their favorites without inflicting them on others by checking out records from the school record library.

Next Stop? Juke Box!

Under the mesmerizing influence of two hours of good music a week, some students have been thinking that it would be a wel-

come diversion to have art music on the juke box in the cafeteria. Challenges Ellis, "I'll bet a dollar it would work!"

And it might. For as the semester closes, the "captive audience" technique has increased understanding and appreciation. And if it did work, it would be ample proof that the whole purpose had been accomplished. For when students have completed the course, they should realize that the music they have heard should be everyday music, to be enjoyed as such, and not ivory tower entertainment for the enlightened few.

That's Devotion

By Jan Austin

I read The Chart, both front and back,
 Nor do I stop with scanning,
 To see what happened to Bill or Jack,
 And what the Dean is planning.

News stories, want ads, editors' views,
 I read them, every one.
 Even if there's not much news,
 I surely do have fun.

At my devotion you may smile,
 May even give a laugh,
 But I am happy all the while,
 Cause I'm a member of the staff.

1956-57 Chart Editor Takes Detroit Position

Ron Martin will begin work for the Detroit Free Press about June 15 following his graduation from the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. The Free Press is a member of the Knight newspaper group.

Ron edited The Chart in 1956-57, the year he graduated.

Business Departments Of 11 High Schools Take Annual Tests

The members of the MoKan Conference and the Little Seven held their sixth annual commercial contest here yesterday and the day before. Eleven high schools from Missouri and Kansas sent a total of 271 contestants. The schools participating were Carl Junction, Cartersville, Sarcoxie, Diamond, Liberal, Pierce City, Sheldon, Duenweg, Baxter Springs, Seneca, and Galena.

Tests included beginning typing, advanced typing, beginning shorthand, advanced shorthand, and bookkeeping. The contestants competed against three groups of standardized grades, not against each other. Medals were given the winners in the first group. Certificates were given to the winners in the second and third groups.

All college students following a curriculum in the commercial course here were asked to assist in grading papers and showing the visitors around the College.

Modern business equipment was displayed in the gymnasium.



ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS BROWSE THROUGH THE LIBRARY

Kenneth Elliff, president of the Alumni Association, examines a book in the new library before a meeting of the board of directors last week. On his left is Miss Donna Diehl, secretary. Looking on are Mrs. Ronald E. Howard and James

Foley. Members not pictured are Mrs. Fred Sieglinger, James Dale, James Kershaw, Clyde Morrison, and Al Burgess, Jr. The faculty advisors include Miss Martha McCormick, chairman, Arthur Boles, and Arnold Irwin.

Home Economist Speaks on Nutrition

Mrs. Juanita Hulen furnished the fourth hour hygiene class with thought energy in the field of nutrition, April 1. The home economist is from the Educational Department of St. John's Hospital.

"Although man has been eating to live since the beginning of time, only in the last decade has nutrition been considered a science," stated Mrs. Hulen. She went on to say that food is man's next tissue need after air and water and that an adequately balanced diet is based on the individual's metabolic needs.

The home economist drew charts to show the number of calories per pound of ideal body weight. She related that in the United States malnutrition is one of the greatest health problems among youth.

Engineers Choose Officers for 1959-60

Leon Glover will head the Engineers' Club next year. Robert Brown was elected vice-president, and Sidney Fields secretary-treasurer at a recent meeting.

Club members were in Rolla yesterday for Engineers' Day at the Missouri School of Mines.

Thespians to Travel

College Players in good standing will view the performance of Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" next Friday at Southwest Missouri State College. On May 2 the group will journey to the University of Kansas for a tour of the new million dollar fine arts building. They also plan to attend the drama department's presentation of William Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale."

College Players interested in the trips should contact Milton Brietzke or Gwen Theis.

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Do They Still Wish to Teach?

How does a tax levy crisis, such as the one facing our teachers, affect those students now planning a teaching career? Does it make them doubt the wisdom of their choice? These questions were asked several members of the local chapter of the Future Teachers of America.

Alfred Long: "I don't doubt my choice of a career. This just makes me want to look elsewhere. Who wants to teach in a school system where such a precedent as this has been set?"

Audrey Pope: "This has caused me to doubt, because I feel the people aren't backing the teachers. I had heard so much about Joplin's progressive school system before I moved here that such a disgraceful occurrence makes me doubt even the choice of Joplin for home and education."

Howard Nivens: "I want to teach, but I feel that teachers, as well as everyone else, would like to feel a certain degree of security. Teachers should band together and demand the passage of the levy by fighting the indifference of the public. But this is also a job for the F.T.A. and all other students."

Bill Millender: "I still want to teach. But, if a person plans to teach in a certain area and something like this comes up, it gives the impression that high quality educational facilities are neither needed nor desired."

Bill Kilgore: "The present fiasco has certainly raised doubts in my mind! I would never teach in Joplin because salaries are too low and this sort of thing might re-occur. The levy failure shows a lack of knowledge on the part of the people. Most of them don't even realize that the increase was merely to pay salaries, and not really raise them. Joplin is bound to lose many good teachers and, as a result, standards will drop."

Bob Smith: "This doesn't change my choice to teach. It simply shows stupidity on the part of the public. People should realize that teachers are preparing students for more productive lives

and appreciate them accordingly."

Jeanette Joyce: "I have always been interested in teaching. I feel that teachers help mold better citizens, and then such things as this may be avoided. Money isn't the only thing, but even teachers can't do without it."

Joan Petty: "I want to teach. Teachers do their best and the people should back them up. After all the years teachers put into providing good education for students, the people should at least not resent paying them their relatively low salaries."

Dixie Moffett: "Since I want to enter missionary teaching, this doesn't affect me as much as some of the others. Still, it's the responsibility of all of us. In an age when education is so important, it's hard to accept what seems like a backward step."

Maxine McNeeley: "I want to teach because of my interest in children. And, after all, the children can't be made to suffer for the mistakes of adults. Through teaching, perhaps I can help prevent the re-occurrence of this sort of thing."

Larry Meacham: "Neglect of this generation will be nothing short of a catastrophe. We are complacent about the present social order. We take things for granted. But Joplin residents had better wake up to the fact that unless they re-evaluate their stand against teacher salaries, only they will be the losers. The teachers will have little trouble finding other employment, but finding teachers is much more difficult. But in spite of it all, I do want to teach."

Donna Finley: "Money isn't the only thing that influenced my choice of a career. I see the point about increased taxes, but teaching is an important job and we have to pay for more and better teachers. Joplin can be proud of its teachers, and had better hang on to them."

The Chart Will Print Student Advertising

Recently the staff learned that some students wish The Chart to carry classified advertising. We will print student ads, labeled as such. However, as in all advertising, the student must pay. The rates are 75 cents per column inch. If one desires four or more column inches, he can then pay the reduced rate of 50 cents per column inch.

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Parkville Resident Tells of Adventures While in Thailand

Mrs. Ruth Sun advocated more foreign aid to Thailand when she spoke at a special assembly April 2 in the auditorium. She discussed the editorializing and propaganda which, she said, "comprise the better part of Bangkok's 33 newspapers."

Mrs. Sun and her husband, Dr. Norman Sun, spent 1956-57 in Thailand teaching and doing research on a double Fulbright scholarship. The scholarship winner termed the assignment "a tremendous experience in my life."

Dr. Sun is the professor and chairman of the Economics Department at Park College.

10 Obtain Awards In Shorthand Class

The girls qualifying for the 100-word per minute shorthand awards include Judith Henry, Sharon Parker, Penny Sickles, and Yvonne Clay. To receive the awards, they must write for 5 minutes with 90 percent accuracy.


The shorthand students qualifying for the 60-word per minute awards include Barbara Burlingame, Sandra Dillon, Jane Hillhouse, Judith Hunt, Mary Ellen Moody, and Linda Roam.

22 Receive Awards For Typing Tests

Marcia Kimes, Barbara Arehart, Beverly Cole, Richard Crowell, Mary Degraffenreid, Judith Henry, Sandra Dillon, Penny Sickles, Janette Veatch, and Jane Doolin have merited the Accelerated Typing Awards by typing five minutes with a maximum of two errors.

The business department will present the Competent Typing Awards to Richard Crowell, Pam Friend, Carol Roe, Louella Russell, Penny Sickles, Janette Veatch, Marcia Kimes, Sandra Dillon, Mary Degraffenreid, Yvonne Clay, Barbara Burlingame, and Nelda Allison. To obtain the Competent Typing Award, one must type for ten minutes with a maximum of five errors.

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Choir to Participate In Music Festival

The College Choir, conducted by Oliver Sovereign, will appear in the annual Joplin Music Festival to be held April 21-23.

The Choir will sing three numbers for a criticism on Wednesday, the second day of the event. Vocal and instrumental solos will be featured throughout the festival, and the Madrigal group will sing.

A concert will be presented on the last night of the festival by the combined College and Senior High Choirs in the High School auditorium. Sovereign will conduct three numbers. Then Morris Poster, guest conductor from Phillips University, will conduct three numbers to close the program.

Actors to Perform Student-Directed Plays

An all-student cast will enact two one-act plays directed by Gwen Theis and Sondra Gumm at 8 o'clock Friday night, May 8, in the College Little Theatre.

Gwen will present "The Maker of Dreams," a serious fantasy by Oliphant Down. Sondra will give "Adventures of Pierre Patelin," a sixteenth century farce by an anonymous author.

Proceeds from the admission will pay for production costs.

White Leads Golfers In Preliminaries

Jimmy White, freshman from Aurora, shot a 36-39-75 to lead the Joplin Junior College golfers in the qualifying rounds at Schifferdecker's municipal course on April 6.

Jack Vincent scored 39-37-76; Tom Hamilton, 37-41-78; Charles Hammer, 42-43-85; Bob Walker, 41-46-87; Ray Wilson, 46-42-88; Gary Goswick, 45-45-90; and Merle Medcalf, 45-46-91.

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Lion Track and Linksmen Commence Spring Workouts

Coach Dudley Stegge was greeted by the largest track turnout in Joplin Junior College history March 22, at Junge Stadium, when he issued equipment to 29 hopefuls.

The Lions started with only three definite dates set for track meets. The first was the Junior college meet at Pittsburg State College April 7. The next meets are the Missouri Junior College meet at Wentworth Military Academy, in Lexington, May 1, and the Interstate Conference meet, May 16, also to be held at Lexington.

Joplin has two tentative meets scheduled at Independence, Kansas, and at Fort Scott.

Coach Buddy Ball's linksmen also met March 22 at the Schifferdecker municipal golf course.

Lions Place Ninth In Pittsburg Relays

Coffeyville's Ravens piled up an insurmountable 110 1/3 points on April 7 to capture the junior college division track championship of the annual Pittsburg State relays. It was the second consecutive title for Coffeyville.

The Lions placed ninth in the meet with a total of six points. Joplin received the points as the result of a four-way tie for third place in the pole vault and fourth and fifth place finishes in the broad jump.

Davy Crockett and Leon Glover tied for third place in the pole vaulting event. Dwight Arner placed fourth in broad jump with a leap of 20 feet 2 3/4 inches. H. B. Davis jumped 20 feet 2 inches to take fifth place honors.


Jim Ford of Coffeyville took the individual spotlight winning the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash.

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Ray Wilson will be Coach Ball's only returning letterman.

Those hopeful for golf berths include Bob Walker, Jack Vincent, Tom Hamilton, Jimmy White, and Charles Hammer. Vincent was the number one golfer at Joplin high school last year; White was the tops at Aurora.

The golfing schedule for this season is not as yet completed. The Joplin linksmen hope for home engagements with Pittsburg State College, Coffeyville Juco, Parsons Juco, and Northeastern A. & M. College at Miami.

The list of track turnouts include: Don Poe, Anthony Watson, Larry Moore, Emmitt Hamilton, Gary Robb, Max Vowels, Ralph Cortez, Dwight Arner, Phil O'Hare, Buddy Ball, Charles Fields, Ray Foster, Jack Golden, Sam Johnson, Lowell Thomas, Monty Boyd, Dean Wilson, Dave Crockett, John Powell, Ronnie Rhea, Larry Woodward, Gale Goosetree, Charles Chapman, Leon Glover, and Dick Patterson.

If quantity means quality, the Juco thinclads should be very, very good.

Golfers Win, Netters Lose to Sooners

The Junior College golfers took the links match 8 1/2 to 3 1/2 on April 9, at the Schifferdecker course. Jack Vincent recorded a 38-41-79 and Tom Hamilton a 39-40-79 for the Lions, as they met Miami. Jimmy White scored 40-45-85; Charles Hammer, 44-46-90. Miami captured the tennis tussle 6-0.

Gary Phillips lost the tennis singles to Jerry Statham, 0-6 and 0-6; Bob Lawson lost to Bill Treece, 1-6 and 2-6; Bruce Drennan lost to Phil Cook, 5-7 and 4-6; Glen Meadows lost to Bill Hopper, 5-7 and 4-6.

In the tennis doubles Lawson and Meadows lost to Hopper and Cook, 1-6 and 2-6. Phillips and Terry Dixon lost to Treece and Statham, 0-6 and 0-6.

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Miss Beecher said, "When physical education takes the proper place in our schools, young girls will be trained in the classroom to move head, hands, and arms gracefully; to sit, stand and walk properly; and to pursue calisthenic exercises for physical development as a regular school duty."

Today physical education departments all over the country are working to fulfill Miss Beecher's ideas of a century ago. Evidence of their success abounds on every college campus, and is especially apparent in the program carried on in Joplin Junior College.

Tennis, golf, swimming, modern dance, badminton, basketball, volleyball, and bowling are offered each year.

Bowling has been accepted more enthusiastically than all of the sports. This semester over one hundred girls bowl in three different classes. Transportation is furnished to the Fourth Street Bowling Alley where classes are conducted.

Miss Venus Yount, instructor, says that tennis, too, is heartily accepted since spring has rolled around. The girls make their way to the Schifferdecker courts by bus.

Now the influence of the physical education department is being carried into the display and art department. Instructor Arthur Boles has arranged a tennis and golf display this month, and plans to arrange a bowling display in the recently completed display window on the first floor.

Juco Netters Lose to Miami

Northeastern Oklahoma A. & M. College of Miami foiled Joplin Junior College's season-opening tennis match April 3 at Miami as they swept four singles and two doubles events.

The Miami netters didn't lose a set until the final match. Gary Phillips and Bruce Drennan won the second set of a three-set match with Dennis Hopper and Bill Lewis, 6-4.

Jerry Statham, ace of the Miami squad, turned in the best performance of the day with 6-0, 6-0 shutouts of Bob Lawson.

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Communique to Sports Enthusiasts

Several College people voiced their reactions to the article appearing on page four of last issue which reproved the students' lack of interest in College sports events. Entitled "To Sports Fans If Some Exist," the story stimulated both assent and dissent.

One of the five questions that The Chart staff asked those interested in discussing the problem was "Do you like sports?" It seems that nearly everyone does, because out of eleven people interviewed, only one did not answer with a positive "Yes."

The question, "How important are athletics to Joplin Junior College?" aroused answers that ranged from the "all fired up" kind to the more conservative. Bonnie Dawson, Ray Foster, Mrs. Lorene Miner, Gary Pliler, Judy Allen, Gary Boese, Charles Duke, Sharon Davis, and Bud Sweet all said that sports are "very important."

The reason for this opinion were varied also. Sharon, for example, asserted that "It wouldn't be a school without sports." Bonnie, Ray, and Mrs. Miner feel that sports keep the school spirit high. Gary Boese says that sports put the school before the public, and Bud mentioned that sports afford good exercise.

While agreeing that sports are important, G. Frank Say and Richard Wallen insist that the school should sponsor more intramural activities.

Bonnie, Ray, Mrs. Miner, Gary Pliler, Sharon, Richard, Judy, Charles, and Bud state that they do read the sports page of The Chart. Gary Boese says he reads it "the first thing," and G. Frank reads the track events.

The eleven interviewed affirmatively maintain that athletics should have a permanent place in the school record.

The last question, "Should the Chart continue its present policy of devoting page four to sports?" received some unique answers. Gary Boese expressed the opinion of Bonnie, Ray, Mrs. Miner, Gary Pliler, Sharon, Judy, and Bud when he said that "It takes a full page to adequately cover all

the events." G. Frank, on the other hand, thinks that The Chart is not here for sports, and in proportion to the other three pages, sports should not take one whole page, but only about one half. Agreeing with Say, Richard thinks that The Chart should have more humor and more editorials in place of so much sports coverage. Still another angle was brought up by Charles, who thinks that if sports were eliminated, The Chart could print classified ads in its place.

Thus it would seem from these interviews that interest actually is very high among students. Possibly, G. Frank had the right idea when he said that most people are interested in sports, but not in writing about them. Ray Foster, sophomore, generously commented that he would be willing to take on the job of writing some of the sports stories in order to see that they are covered.

The Chart staff certainly hopes this will be the attitude of many other sports fans and participants, particularly those who could write next fall. As Ray said, maybe they just "need someone to shake them up."

P. E. Girls Spend Monday in Pittsburg

Sixteen girls attended a modern dance program sponsored by the Physical Education Department of Kansas State Teachers College Monday. Accompanied by Physical education instructor Miss Venus Yount, the girls left at the end of the fourth period in cars.

The program was presented by Dr. Anne Schley Duggan and her Concert Dance Group from Texas Women's University at Denton. In the afternoon the dancers gave a lecture demonstration and Dr. Duggan taught a master class. Monday night the girls attended a concert and reception as guests of the college.

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